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The White House today said that President Eisenhower has invited the members of the Special Committee on Civil Defense of the Governors' Conference, headed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller, to meet with him and other Federal officials in Washington on January 25th. The meeting, which was requested by the Governors' Conference at its 1959 meeting, will consider cooperative steps which are available to government -- Federal, state and local -- for the protection of people from fallout and other aspects of nuclear attack.

In addition to the President, Federal participants will include Secretary of State Christian A. Herter; Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates, Jr.; Director of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization Leo A. Hoegh; Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Allen Dulles; Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission John A. McCone; Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming; Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson; and Administrator of Housing and Home Finance Agency Norman P. Mason.

Members of the Governors' Civil Defense Committee, in addition to Governor Rockefeller, are Governors Edmund G. Brown of California, G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, George D. Clyde of Utah, and Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina. Governor J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware, Chairman of the Governors' Conference, has also been invited to attend.

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